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SUBJECT: MBFR: WORKING GROUP DISCUSSION

REFS: A. NATO 2161 (DTG 141531Z APR 77), B. NATO 2289
(DTG 201355Z APR 77), C. NATO 2305 (DTG 210940Z APR 77),
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D. NATO 2347 (DTG 221835Z APR 77)

1. WE APPROVE AC/276-WP(77)3 (REVISED) DATED APRIL 4, 1977
ON "MBFR COUNTING RULES" (REF B).

2. WE APPROVE AC/276-WP(77)4 OF MARCH 10, 1977, ON
"DEFINITION OF GROUND AND AIR FORCES" (REFS A AND D). WE

AGREE WITH UK REP (PARA 4, REF D) THAT THIS DOCUMENT DOES NOT NEED TO BE CONSIDERED BY SPC AT THIS STAGE OF DATA DISCUSSION.

3. WE AGREE THAT COMPILATION OF PAST MBFR STUDIES ON TOPICAL AREAS WOULD BE USEFUL (PARAS 3 AND 4, REF B). OTHER POSSIBLE SUBJECTS INCLUDE ASSOCIATED MEASURES (VERIFICATION AND STABILIZING MEASURES, IN PARTICULAR) AND SERVICE SUBCEILINGS. IN ADDITION, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE VERY USEFUL IF WG COULD COMPILE INTO ONE DOCUMENT ALL THE QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERS GIVEN ON DATA BY EAST AND WEST

DURING INFORMAL SESSIONS OF ROUND XI. ADDITIONAL SUGGESTION FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

4. WITH REGARD TO REF C, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO KEEP FOCUS OF DATA DISCUSSION IN SPC. WE DO NOT WANT ALLIES TO BE SIDE-TRACKED BY PARALLEL DISCUSSION IN WORKING GROUP, ESPECIALLY AN UNINSTRUCTED DISCUSSION. MISSION SHOULD THEREFORE DISCOURAGE INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF CURRENT DATA ISSUES IN WORKING GROUP AT PRESENT TIME.

5. WE DO NOT SEE MERIT IN WG ACTING CHAIRMAN'S SUGGESTION TO REVIEW EARLIER WG PAPERS ON SECURITY IMPLICATIONS OF RELEASING CERTAIN NATO DATA ON NATO FORCES TO EAST (PARA 2, REF C). MISSION SHOULD INFORMALLY DISCOURAGE A REVIEW OF AC/276-D(75)9 OF SEPT 12, 1975 AND AC/276-D(75)10 OF SEPT 12, 1975. (BEGIN FYI: SECRET

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WE ARE CONCERNED THAT SUCH A REVIEW COULD OPEN QUESTIONS WHICH ARE CURRENTLY BEING HANDLED IN SPC. END FYI. VANCE

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